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SUBJECT: KOREAN EMBASSY REPORT OF CONTACTS WITH GOF CONCERNING
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SUMMARY. KOREAN MINISTER SHIN KEE HEUM SAID KIM YONG
SHIK'S CONVERSATION WITH JOBERT HAD BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL.
JOBERT UNDERSTOOD ROK POSITION BETTER AND HAD COME AROUND
TO ROK POSITION ON ADMISSION OF BOTH KOREAS TO UN. GOF
REITERATED ITS SUPPORT OF ROK POSITION ON DISSOLUTION OF
UNCURK. JOBERT WAS MADE AWARE OF IMPORTANCE OF UNC FOR ROK
SECURITY AND REPORTEDLY SAID HE WOULD INSTRUCT FRENCH
AMBASSADORS IN PEKING AND MOSCOW TO ASCERTAIN HOST
GOVERNMENTS VIEWS ON WORKING OUT A REPLACEMENT
FOR THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD PERMIT THE
DISSOLUTION OF THE UNC. END SUMMARY.

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1. ON EVE OF HIS DEPARTURE FOR SEOUL, ROK MINISTER SHIN KEE HEUM GAVE EMBOFF RUNDOWN OF A NINETY MINUTE CONVERSATION BETWEEN ROK FOREIGN MINISTER KIM YONG SHIK AND JOBERT ON AUGUST 10. CONVERSATION WAS PRIMARILY ABOUT THE PROBLEMS FACING THE ROK IN THE UN. CONTRARY TO PREVIOUS FRENCH POSITION (REF A), GOF IS NOW PREPARED TO SUPPORT A RESOLUTION PROPOSING ADMISSION OF TWO KOREAS, BUT WISHES REFERENCE TO THE DOUBLE ADMISSION TO BE IN THE PREAMBLE OF THE RESOLUTION. GOF CONTINUES TO SUPPORT DISSOLUTION OF UNCURK WITHOUT PREJUDICE.

2. HOWEVER, FRENCH CONTINUE TO WISH TO WITHDRAW UN FLAG FROM US TROOPS IN KOREA. KIM EXPLAINED THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE UNC ROLE AS SET FORTH IN THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT, AND HENCE, THE IMPORTANCE OF UNC FOR KOREAN SECURITY. KIM SAID THAT IF AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT COULD BE ARRIVED AT, THE ROK COULD THEN SAFELY ACCEPT THE TERMINATION OF THE UNC ROLE. JOBERT REPORTEDLY RECOGNIZED THE VALIDITY OF ROK SECURITY CONCERN. HE SAID HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY CABLE FRENCH AMBASSADORS IN PEKING AND MOSCOW TO SOUND OUT PRC AND USSR REACTION TO THE NEGOTIATION OF A REPLACEMENT FOR THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD PERMIT THE TERMINATION OF THE UNC. JOBERT TOLD KIM HE WOULD HOPE TO HAVE A BETTER IDEA OF THE COMMUNISTS' POSITION AFTER FURTHER CONSULTATION WITH USSR AND THE POMPIDOU VISIT TO PEKING, AND WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH THE ROK ABOUT SEPTEMBER 20.

3. KIM APPARENTLY TOLD JOBERT THAT THE ROK THOUGHT THAT THE COMMUNISTS WOULD PROBABLY BE VERY RELUCTANT TO REOPEN ANY KOREAN WAR PROBLEM, BUT SHIN THOUGHT JOBERT MIGHT BE A LITTLE LESS AWARE THAN MANACH OF PEKING'S SPECIAL SENSITIVITIES.

4. SHIN SUBSEQUENTLY SAW QUAI DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR ASIA, DUZER, WHO SAID QUAI STUDIES OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT INDEED SHOWED ABOLITION OF THE UNC WOULD CALL INTO QUESTION THE ASSURANCES FOR ROK SECURITY CONTAINED IN THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT. DUZER SUGGESTED THE ROK AND US MIGHT WORK OUT NEW AGREEMENT WITH NORTH KOREA. THE PROCEDURE MIGHT BE FOR THE UNGA RESOLUTION TO CALL FOR THE REFERRAL OF THE UNC MATTER TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL WITH THE SUGGESTION THAT THE "INTERESTED

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PARTIES" WORK OUT A NEW SOLUTION. THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT--INCLUDING THE UNC ROLE--WOULD CONTINUE TO PROVIDE GUARANTEES FOR THE ROK UNTIL A NEW ARRANGEMENT WAS WORKED OUT, IF EVER. (SHIN COMMENTED SUCH A PROVISION IN THE UNGA RESOLUTION WOULD AT LEAST GAIN TIME FOR THE ROK.) SHIN REPORTED THAT FRENCH WERE CONVINCED THAT A RESOLUTION WHICH LEFT THE UNC QUESTION UNMENTIONED OR UNTOUCHED WOULD FAIL IN THE UNGA.

5. SHIN SAID THE ROK WAS GREATLY ENCOURAGED BY JOBERT'S SYMPATHETIC UNDERSTANDING OF THE ROK PROBLEM AND SUPPORT FOR TWO OUT OF THREE OF THE ELEMENTS IN AN UNGA RESOLUTION. ROK WAS PLEASED THAT GOF WOULD BE CONSULTING PRC AND USSR TO ASCERTAIN THEIR VIEWS ON THE KOREAN QUESTION, AND TO EXPRESS FRENCH VIEWS WHICH WERE BASICALLY SYMPATHETIC TO THE ROK. THE ROK OVERALL CONCLUSION, ACCORDING TO SHIN, WAS THAT THE ROK HAD MADE CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS IN ITS RELATIONS WITH FRANCE DURING THE LAST YEAR, TO A CONSIDERABLE MEASURE DUE TO THE MORE FLEXIBLE APPROACH THE ROK HAS ADOPTED FOR THE UNGA THIS YEAR.

6. RESULTS OF EMBASSY CONTACTS WITH QUAI ON THIS SUBJECT ARE CONTAINED IN SEPTTEL.
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